



PATENT Attorney Docket No. H 4165

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Sir·			Legal Stan Intern etional Di visi en
Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231			13 JUN 2001 Legal Staff
	WHICH DISINTEGRATES IN LIQUIDS)	RECEIVED
For:	LAUNDRY DETERGENT COMPACT) .	
Filed:	December 15, 1999)	Examiner: Unassigned
Serial No.: 09/380,739)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Josef Otto RETTENMAIER et al.)	
In re P	Patent Application of:)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

English translations or English Abstracts of some of the non-English documents are enclosed.

A copy of the International Search Report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application is also enclosed.

Also enclosed are copies (with English translation thereof) of the statements of opposition to German Patent No. 197 09 991 from Dalli-Werke Wäsche- unde Körperpflege GmbH & Co. KG,

Cognis Deutschland GmbH, and Cellulose-Füllstoff-Fabrik GmbH & Co. KG.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or

constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim

in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document(s) do not constitute "prior art"

under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and

law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability

of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be

applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee

to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

Respectfully submitted,

CONNOLLY BOVE LODGE & HUTZ LLP

Dated: February 21, 2001

James M. Olser

Reg. No. 40,408